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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Arab-Israeli Situation Report
(As of 4:30 p.m. EDT)

UNITED NATIONS

1. Significant comment is still lacking on the implications for the General Assembly session of the Glassboro talks and Premier Kosygin's hard-nosed press conference which followed. Nearly all delegations wished the talks to take place, few expected any "solutions" to emerge from them, but many anticipated some improvement in the "atmosphere." Some delegations will almost certainly doubt that even atmospheric improvements have been effected, and while Kosygin's continued verbal support of the Soviet resolution to condemn Israel will be "understood", it will not make any easier to search for a compromise. A commentator on Cairo radio this morning said Kosygin's position was a "reassertion" of the "Soviet stand with the peoples against imperialist aggression."

2. Interest in the Assembly debate, already declining last week, is likely further to wane as the speeches drone on -- a notable exception being King Husayn's address this afternoon. According to press accounts, only low level delegates heard Albania's foreign minister this morning lambasting the Kosygin government for "treachery against the Arab peoples" and for collaboration with President Johnson in a plot to "enter negotiations for world domination."

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3. Consultations are continuing, and will presumably become more feverish, on the text of possible compromise resolutions. In addition to the non-aligned Africans and Asians, the Latin American delegation is being assiduously wooed by both sides. The results of the meeting of the Latin American and non-aligned working groups which was scheduled to take place today is not known. It is not clear whether US efforts to persuade the Latin Americans of the undesirability of the withdrawal text they have been working on have had good effect. It is likely that the UN will be increasingly seized with the refugee problem

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While the immediate focus is on the problems of welfare and relief, UN consideration could eventually lead to a broader discussion of the whole refugee problem -- one of the five basic issues the US has insisted must be considered in moving toward a general settlement in the area.

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5. King Husayn's speech before the UN today was brief and set forth succinctly the Arab position on the

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crisis. He condemned Israel for attacking the Arab states, and particularly for continuing the attack against Jordan in spite of the fact that it had accepted the UN ceasefire appeal. Husayn then called on the UN to act quickly on the serious new refugee crisis created by the conflict. The UN, he said, must also condemn Israel's actions and force it to withdraw from the Arab territory it currently occupies. If the UN does not act, he warned, it will lose the respect and influence it currently holds among the nations of the world.

SOVIET AND EAST EUROPE

6. Both Izvestia and TASS have now commented on the Johnson-Kosygin talks, with hardly a mention of the positive side of the exchanges. The talks are described as "useful," but the Soviet news media point out there is no change in Moscow's basic position on Vietnam or the Middle East. Izvestia gives a verbatim account of Kosygin's hard-line press conference.

7. There has been a temporary reduction in the number of Soviet warships in the Mediterranean during a relief of units. [REDACTED]

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9. Israeli radio reported Saturday that the United Kibbutz Council has decided that groups of Kibbutz members should establish settlements in "the liberated areas." For this purpose, the Kibbutz secretariat will set up a team of instructors to coordinate work in the new settlements. The areas involved were not specified.

10. International Red Cross officials in the occupied sector of Jordan have now agreed to relinquish responsibility for care of the West Bank refugees to the Shield of David, an Israeli counterpart of the Red Cross which had not been previously recognized by the international body. The Israelis had earlier refused to allow the international group to organize aid for the West Bankers, but arrangements for cooperation between the two groups were to have been worked out at a meeting yesterday.

11. [redacted] French Armed Forces Staff stated to a US official on 22 June that Israel is still receiving required spare parts. On the subject of whether Israel's stocks of bombs, missiles and rockets were being replenished, however, the French official was noncommittal. He made clear that the military is completely at odds with the government's official policy toward Israel. This report is in line with past information to the effect that spare parts are continuing

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to flow to Israel. Moreover, it does not rule out the possibility that offensive weapons are being shipped in limited quantities [REDACTED] despite the official embargo on the shipment of such weapons.

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